

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1527 – SB 1624

February 7, 2018

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Prohibits local education agency (LEA) charter schools and virtual schools from altering a student transcript unless the institution has a written policy governing transcript alterations. Prohibits retaliation against employees who bring unauthorized transcript alterations to the attention of school officials. Creates a Class A misdemeanor offense for unauthorized transcript alteration or retaliation against an employee by a school official.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (012352): Deletes all language after the enacting clause and rewrites the legislation such that the only substantive change is to punish the proposed violation by revocation of a professional license or certification as well as possible criminal prosecution as a class A misdemeanor under Tenn. Code Annotated § 39-14-136.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- No impact on the operations of the Department of Education.
- The State Board of Education will be able to amend its policies in accordance with the provisions of this legislation during the normal course of business; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.
- LEAs will be able to create a written policy in accordance with the provisions of this legislation during the normal course of business.
- Based on information provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Public Defenders Conference, and the District Attorneys General Conference, any fiscal impact resulting from misdemeanor violations for unauthorized transcript alteration or retaliation is estimated to be not significant.

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- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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